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May 19, 2010

The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Chairman  
House Armed Services Committee  
2120 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Skelton:

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Chairwoman  
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House Armed Services Committee  
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